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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER
TANAKA WAS DELIVERED BY JAPANESE EMB JAN 14. BEGIN QUOTE
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE
OF JAN 9, 1974, IN WHICH YOU INVITED JAPAN TO A MEETING OF
MAJOR OIL CONSUMER COUNTRIES AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL
TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY.

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I SHARE WITH YOU THE THOUGHT THAT THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL

ENERGY SITUATION THREATENS TO AFFECT SERIOUSLY THE WORLD ECONOMY AND, ULTIMATELY, THE WELFARE OF ALL MANKIND. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR DISCUSSIONS AMONG OIL PRODUCER COUNTRIES AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. IT IS WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND THAT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS MEETING OF MAJOR OIL CONSUMER COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON WILL BE A FIRST STEP TOWARDS ESTABLISHING HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN OIL PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES. FROM THIS VIEWPOINT I HAVE

DECIDED TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS. YOURS SINCERELY, KAKUEI TANAKA.
END UNQUOTE

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MESSAGE DID NOT SPECIFY WHO REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE, OUR EXPECTATION, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH JAPANESE EMB HERE, IS THAT IT WILL BE FONMIN OHIRA. JAPANESE EMB HAS INFORMED US THAT GOJ WILL BE RELEASING GIST OF MESSAGE TO PRESS IN NEAR FUTURE.

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